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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR THE SECRETARY

REF: AMMAN 6667; AMMAN 6668

1. PRIME MINISTER RIFAI HAS GIVEN ME THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE FOR THE SECRETARY FROM KING HUSSEIN AND WHICH  
HAS BEEN REPORTED REFTELS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF TODAY. WE  
HAVE RECEIVED THE LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE COVERING THE  
SALE OF HAWK MISSILES TO JORDAN FROM AMBASSADOR PICKERING,  
AND I HAVE ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT AND SIGN IT. BUT  
I HAVE DONE THIS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DELIVERY  
DATES INCLUDED IN THE LETTER OFFER ARE NOT FINAL; AND  
ON THE BASIS THAT WE WILL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO WORK  
OUT AN OVERALL HAWK TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JORDAN. IF, WHEN  
WE ARRIVE AT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PROGRAM, WE DISCOVER  
THAT OUR TROOPS WILL COMPLETE THEIR TRAINING EARLIER THAN  
THE LETTER OF OFFER ANTICIPATES, AND IF OUR CAPABILITY TO  
ABSORB THE NEW WEAPONS SYSTEM IS PROVED BETTER THAN THE  
LETTER EXPECTS, THEN I TAKE IT THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED  
TO SPEED UP THE DELIVERY SCHEDULE TO COMPLY WITH THE  
TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS IS WHAT I UNDERSTOOD FROM YOUR  
MESSAGE, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY CONFIRMATION.

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ON A DIFFERENT NOTE, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT IN

RESPONSE TO A MESSAGE FROM KING KHALID, I HAVE SENT MY PRIME MINISTER TO SAUDI ARABIA TO DISCUSS THE SYRIAN EGYPTIAN DIFFERENCES AND THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA AND TO EXPLAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF POURING OIL OVER TROUBLED WATERS.

KING KHALID GAVE THE PRIME MINISTER A MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT ASAD URGING HIM TO STOP ALL PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON EGYPT IN RETURN FOR SIMILAR ACTION ON EGYPT'S PART VIS-A-VIS SYRIA. THE PRIME MINISTER CARRIED THE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ASAD WHO WAS ADAMANT ON HIS DECLARED POSITION OF ATTACKING THE SINAI AGREEMENT AND HIS INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO DO SO PUBLICLY.

I HAD SPOKEN TO PRESIDENT ASAD ABOUT THIS EARLIER WHEN I WAS IN DAMASCUS LAST WEEK, AND NOW I AM CONVINCED THAT SYRIA'S POSITION IS FINAL AND IRREVOCABLE. NOT ONLY WILL SYRIA CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE AGREEMENT PUBLICLY, BUT AS A RESULT OF THE AGREEMENT, PRESIDENT ASAD TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT SYRIA HAS IN INTENTION ANYMORE OF NEGOTIATING AN INTERIM AGREEMENT ON THE GOLAN.

SO, IF YOU STILL BELIEVE THAT A MOVE ON THE SYRIAN FRONT IS NECESSARY, THEN I HOPE YOU WILL ALLOW ME TO MAKE A SUGGESTION BASED ON THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION IN THE AREA. SINCE SYRIA WILL NOT ACCEPT TO NETOTIATE AN INTERIM AGREEMENT ON THE GOLAN, AND IF MOVEMENT THERE IS NECESSARY BEFORE THE SECOND PHASE WHICH IS NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL FRONTS FOR AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT, THEN IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE ONLY WAY OPEN FOR PROGRESS ON THE GOLAN FRONT IS FOR THE U.S. TO EXERT AS MUCH PRESSURE AS POSSIBLE ON THE ISRAELIS TO WITHDRAW FROM A FEW KILOMETERS ON THE GOLAN-- WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA ON THAT. THE AREA FROM WHICH ISRAEL WITHDRAWS WOULD BECOME A PART OF THE PRESENT U.N. BUFFER ZONE, AND WOULD BE GOVERNED BY THE TERMS OF THE PRESENT SYRIAN ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. IF THE ISRAELIS ACCEPT THIS, THEN YOU COULD APPROACH PRESIDENT ASAD WITH AN OFFER WHICH I BELIEVE HE CANNOT REFUSE. HE HAS SAID THAT HE WILL NOT NEGOTIATE AN INTERIM AGREEMENT; HE DID NOT SAY THAT HE WILL NOT ACCEPT ONE.

I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD LET YOU HAVE MY VIEWS IN THIS REGARD IN THE HOPE THAT THEY CAN BE USEFUL IF AND WHEN YOU  
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DECIDE TO CONSIDER MOVEMENT ON THE SYRIAN FRONT.  
FINALLY I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP OVER THE HAWK AND OTHER MATTERS.  
WITH MY PERSONAL REGARDS AND SINCERE BEST WISHES.  
HUSSEIN I  
END TEXT. PICKERING

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